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In re Application of

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Application No.: 09/756,846

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH  
HARD MASK COVERING

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office

Action dated April 6, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.



No additional fee is required.



Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27



Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	4	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00




Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.



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Respectfully submitted,

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